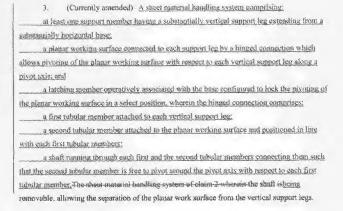
IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims as filed with the claims set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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7. (Currently amended) A sheet material handling system comprising:

at least one support member having a substantially vertical support log extending from a
substantially horizontal base;

a planar working surface connected to each support log by a hinseed connection which
although pivotinn of the planar working surface with respect to each vertical support log along a
nivet axis, and

a latching member operatively associated with the base configured to lock the pivoting of the planer working surface in a select position, the latching member comprising:

The shear metal handling system of claim 1 wherein the latching menaber comprises:

a bar having first and second ends pivotally attached at the first end to a base, the second
end being configured to align with a bracket on the underside of the planar work surface near its
lengthwise edge, and

means for releasably attaching the second end of the bar to the bracket.